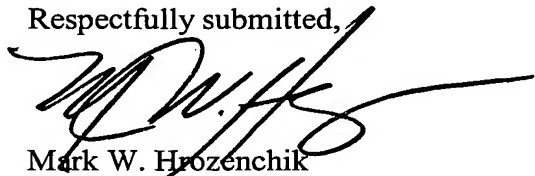


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REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, several minor errors have been corrected in the specification, claims and drawing figures. No new matter has been added. Should the Examiner have any questions, kindly contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

In Fig. 1 a typographical error has been corrected to make it consistent with the description. The identification of item 40 has been changed from "RECHARGING CURRENT DETECT CONTROL UNIT" to "RECHARGING CURRENT DETECT UNIT".